

## **D. Student Outcomes**

### **1. Graduation Rates**

#### **a. Two-Year Graduation Rate**

This is an additional category requested by the NJ Commission on Higher Education. Previously, community colleges have been required to report graduation rates within 150% of the catalog time; in other words, a three- year graduation rate. According to the data reported for the 2006 cohort, there were 561 entering first-time, full-time, degree-seeking freshmen. After two years, 42 of these students or 7.5 percent completed their programs and graduated with a degree or certificate. In addition, after three years, a total of 148 students or 26.4 percent completed degrees or certificates. In addition, another 62 of these Fall 2006 entering students transferred to another institution prior to receiving their degrees or 11.0 percent.

According to the Student Right to Know data reported for this Fall 2006 entering cohort, another 116 students were still enrolled at the college as of Fall 2009 and 139 or 24.7 percent left in good standing with a GPA of 2.00 or above. The total number of students who graduated, transferred prior to graduation, remained enrolled, or left in good standing was 460 students or 81.9 percent.

#### **b. Three-year Graduation and Transfer Rates by Race/Ethnicity**

Three-year graduation and transfer rates include the number of entering first-time, full-time, degree-seeking freshmen who entered the college in the Fall of a specific year and three years later either received a degree or certificate or transferred to another institution prior to receiving a degree.

#### **Three-Year Graduation & Transfer Rates for Full-Time First-Time Degree-Seeking Freshmen by Race/Ethnicity**

##### **Fall 2004-2007**

	<b>White</b>	<b>African American</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>NR Alien</b>	<b>Other*</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Fall 2004 Cohort</b>	268	88	73	3	1	10	443
<b>Graduation or Transfer after 3 yrs.</b>	117 (43.7%)	15 (17.0%)	16 (21.9%)	1 (33.3%)	1 (100.0%)	3 (30.0%)	153 (34.5%)

##### **Fall 2005-2008**

	<b>White</b>	<b>African American</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>NR Alien</b>	<b>Other*</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Fall 2005 Cohort</b>	332	88	97	4	0	19	540
<b>Graduation or Transfer after 3 yrs.</b>	129 (38.9%)	17 (19.3%)	27 (27.8%)	2 (50.0%)	0 (0.0%)	7 (36.8%)	182 (33.7%)

\* Includes American Indian and Unknown Race.

**Fall 2006-2009\*\***

	White	African Amer.	Hispanic	Asian	NR Alien	Other*	Total
<b>Fall 2006 Cohort</b>	314	119	113	10	0	5	561
<b>Success after 3 years</b>	145 (46.1%)	28 (23.5%)	26 (23.0%)	4 (40.0%)	0	0	203 (36.2%)

Includes transfers to Non-NJ Senior Public Institutions

Source: NJ Commission on Higher Education

\* Includes American Indian and Unknown Race.

\*\*Cohort has been corrected by CCC's Office of Instructional Research

### **3. Third Semester Retention Rates for Entering First-time Students by Attendance Status**

Previously, the Retention Rate data requested by the NJ Commission on Higher Education included data by race/ethnicity. For the current Institutional Profile, the NJ Commission on Higher Education has requested retention data for full-time and part-time students. The data included in the tables that follow are for first-time entering degree-seeking students who entered in one fall semester and the number who returned the following fall semester. Rates are provided separately for full-time and part-time students. Data that follow are from the College's Planning and Research Office.

**Fall 2006 – Fall 2007**

	Enrolled	Retained	Percent Retained
<b>Full-Time</b>	612	392	64%
<b>Part-time</b>	220	103	47%
<b>Total</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>59%</b>

**Fall 2007 – Fall 2008**

	Enrolled	Retained	Percent Retained
<b>Full-Time</b>	690	466	68%
<b>Part-time</b>	201	89	44%
<b>Total</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>62%</b>

**Fall 2008 – Fall 2009**

	Enrolled	Retained	Percent Retained
<b>Full-Time</b>	772	535	69%
<b>Part-time</b>	187	92	49%
<b>Total</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>65%</b>